

# Randolph County Drainage Board

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## Present:

Thomas E. Chalfant, Chairman  
Gary L. Girton, Vice Chairman  
Michael D. Wickersham, Member  
Edwin L. Thornburg, Surveyor  
Meeks Cockerill, Drainage Board Attorney  
Casey Keener, Drainage Board Secretary  
Andrew Woloszyk, Engineer for Dollar General

## **Minutes for December 6, 2021**

Tom Chalfant calls the Randolph County Drainage Board meeting to order. First is the approval of minutes from **November 2, 2021**. Mike move to approve, Gary seconds, Minutes approved, motion carries.

## **Surveyor's Report:**

- **Parker City Dollar General**

Ed day first thing we have is Andrew Woloszyk, Bringing in the drainage plan for the Parker City Dollar General. The plans are laying on the table if anyone would like to look at them. It next to the Family Dollar and across from the ball park. There entrance will be on 1200 instead of 32. Ed does approve of their plan. Mike moves for approval Gary second, drainage plan approved, motion carries.

- **Increasing the Maintenance on Ditches**

The board take a look at the proposed ditch increases. Tom as if the are a bit substantial? Ed says, none of them are over 25%. These are the ones that never get ahead and some may be going into reconstruction. Mike say so that's a \$0.69 an acre. Ed said I just increased them by a percentage. Mike says, so that's \$690.00 per 1000 acres isn't that a lot. Gary says, I wouldn't think so if you are planning on doing something with the ditch in the future, it's better to pay that then wait and in five years have to pay like \$30,000.00. Ed says he struggles with this but thinks it's

the best way. Tom says all the ditches are not getting fixed. Ed says, but we have been making more head way. Tom agrees that we are making more headway then years before and that drainage pays. If you are willing to do this in an election year, more power to you. Ed says, I never thought that it was fair to hide from the rates issue. Gary says that if we do that then we get in the same rut we where in before. I think it needs done, we have to keep improving, not like we've done for several years. Now we are gaining. Gary Motions to approve the increases, Mike seconds, motion carries.

- **Ditch On/Off List**

Ok, we have the list that are going to be on and the ones off. Casey passes out the list of the ditches to be on and the ones that are to be off. The board takes a look at the lists. Mike ask if this is based on income. Ed says, yes, we can hold four times the annual income. The total ditches we don't have to collect has grown. Mike asks, so this keeps us legal? Ed replies, Yes, I have worked with state board in the past and have not had any issues. Mike moves to approve the Surveyors on/off list, Gary seconds, motion carries.

- **Other**

Ok Ed says something I'm going to add today Mr. Delk started on the 500 South 500 East ditch cleaning. He contacted me a couple times, I've been down there a couple of times. Tom ask it Culys are able to help him if needed? Ed replies, Yes, Tom is a well-liked guy in the community and most of the other guys said if he in a bind they would help. So far so good, he has people he calls when he needs help.

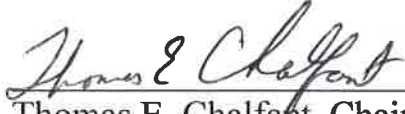
Mike asks if Ed had been down to see Curtis Ramer on what he says is a redirected culvert? I've talked to him, the tile they got, I had Mike from the Highway Department meet me down there. The problem is Curtis's pipe that no-one from the highway department has done anything because it is 75 foot off the right of way and is clearly not something the highway department should be taking care of and it's not a county ditch. Tom ask if the culvert is in his drive way. Mike says the problem is a culvert that Maxwell installed under the road a few years back. Ed says, Yeah, the one coming back from the north. Mike says yes that the problem because that's bringing more water across the road into his property. He continues saying the highway department would have to have approved it, Ed agrees. And there is a pipe that runs north/south under the road that did not used to be there, he is correct in that. Mike says There is also a pipe that runs east/west that would have

taken a different direction. His complaint is the black pipe and he is wondering why it was put in and who gave them the authority to put it in. Tom said if it was under the road that it would have been the highway department. Ed agrees that it would have been the highway department and adds that depending on when it was done he would have had to sign off on it, no that pipe was far enough up stream that it could be on Country Views property. It comes off of Country View and runs right into him. Mike is going to sent Ed the email, so he can give his view on it.

Toms asks if there is anything else for the drainage board. Gary said the issue that we tabled last month, the lake for Rusty Edwards. Ed gives an update. Culy Contracting came in and with their Jetter cleaned the vertical pipe, the debris out, to get the water to flow. So we have the water down in the lake which dropped it a little over a foot. There is still debris, so this pipe is about 14-foot-deep and there are still tree limbs in the bottom of this thing. The water was running in to it so hard the day that we where out there, I didn't want everyone to get sucked down the pipe. The water is trickling, we need to find something to shut the water off so They can go down to either take the jetter and cut down there or possibly snag them and pull them out the top. It is flowing water now. The design of the structure I can't believe it has worked as well as it has. It's a 36-inch pipe. We purchased one of those yellow wire baskets to put on top to take care of the limb problem. He says he is comfortable to keep the debris off of it. The thing sits about 6 foot from the edge of the bank but it starting down the edge of the dam. I offered to bring in some granule fill and put around the edge of the pipe to make it about 3 ft deep or so, but he said he didn't need that. We are not done yet but we have that part done and working. The other thing I was looking at was the ridge in the dam on the east side. Mike said I didn't think we were going to take responsibility for that. Ed said that the neighbors don't want to take responsibility for it either. They all are saying its not on their property, but in lake law its everybody's water. Its going to slowly carves a notch out of the back of dam and continue to let water run over Boundary Pike road. So, the guy across the road that's getting that water can't use his pasture lot, it's a swamp instead of a pasture field. We may need to address this down the road. I'm going to get the first part fixed and try to encourage them to fixing the dam. The lake was put in in about 1962, our records only go back to 1965.

Mike Wickersham makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Girton seconds, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Signed this 1st day of November, 2021 in the Randolph County Commissioners Room, Winchester Indiana.



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Thomas E. Chalfant, Chairman



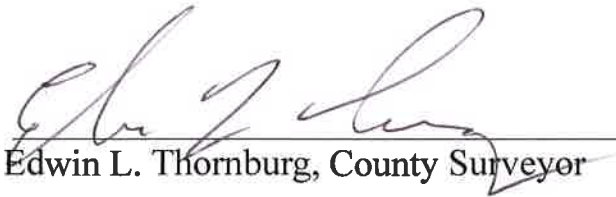
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